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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Richard BINGHAM et al.

Serial No.: 09/857,291

Filed: August 28, 2001

For: A POLISHING MACHINE AND  
METHOD

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) Group Art Unit: 3723

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) Examiner: Anthony Ojini

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated July 10, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I claims 98-113, 129-131, 135, 167-175; Group II claims 114-128, 132-134; Group III claims 136-150; Group IV claims 151-162; Group V claims 163-166; Group VI claims 176-183, 192-194; and, Group VII claims 184-191.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 98-113, 129-131, 135, and 167-175 drawn to a machine for abrading a workpiece.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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